

HOUSE FIRST READERS IN SENATE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY

- HB 12. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Yates of the 73rd, Meadows of the 5th, Holcomb of the 81st, Hitchens of the 161st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 9 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fraud and related offenses, so as to establish the criminal offense of fraudulent representation of military service; to provide for a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 54. By Representatives Waites of the 60th, Powell of the 32nd, Scott of the 76th, Jones of the 53rd and Fludd of the 64th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 7 of Part 3 of Article 7 of Chapter 3 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and prison guards, so as to provide for undergraduate full tuition grants to children of law enforcement officers, firefighters, prison guards, and Highway Emergency Response Operators of the Department of Transportation who were killed in the line of duty who attend institutions of the University System of Georgia and who meet certain eligibility requirements; to provide a definition; to provide for voluntary donations through state income tax returns and drivers' licenses for funding; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 171. By Representatives Hightower of the 68th, Ramsey of the 72nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Atwood of the 179th, Allison of the 8th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 1 of the O.C.G.A., relating to laws and statutes, so as to revise provisions relating to the effect and enforcement of foreign laws; to provide that no court, arbitration panel, administrative agency, or other tribunal shall enforce a foreign law if doing so would violate a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the Georgia Constitution; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to change provisions relating to forum non conveniens; to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relating to venue, so as to provide for a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

- HB 229. By Representatives Strickland of the 111th, Welch of the 110th, Meadows of the 5th, Fleming of the 121st, Hightower of the 68th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to domestic relations, so as to expand grandparent rights to visitation and intervention to great-grandparents and siblings of parents; to conform cross-references relating to adoption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 285. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th and England of the 116th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to an income tax credit for film, video, or digital production in Georgia, so as to change certain qualifications for such credit; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 364. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Harbin of the 122nd, Harrell of the 106th, Stephens of the 164th, Powell of the 171st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 6 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to taxation of intangibles, so as to change certain provisions regarding the real estate transfer tax; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 365. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Harbin of the 122nd, Harrell of the 106th and Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 381. By Representatives Welch of the 110th, Willard of the 51st, Jacobs of the 80th, Atwood of the 179th and Strickland of the 111th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 45 of the O.C.G.A., relating to public officers and employees, so as to repeal Chapter 17, relating to notaries public, and enact the "Revised Georgia Law on Notarial Acts of 2015"; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clerks of superior courts, so as to revise cross-references; to provide for related matters; to provide effective dates; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 471. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 10A of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to ad valorem taxation of heavy-duty motor vehicles, so as to add a definition of certain vehicles; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 513. By Representative Stephens of the 164th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 11 of Title 9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pleadings and motions, so as to revise provisions regarding the procedure for claims asserted against a person or entity arising from an act by that person or entity which could reasonably be construed as an act in furtherance of the right of free speech or the right to petition government for a redress of grievances; to revise definitions; to amend Chapter 5 of Title 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to libel and slander, so as to revise a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 605. By Representatives Weldon of the 3rd and Welch of the 110th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 47-23-63 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definition and effect of full-time and part-time service and calculations, so as to provide that a member of the Georgia Judicial Retirement System who was serving in a full-time position on his or her retirement may use prior part-time service for vesting; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 654. By Representatives Scott of the 76th, Jordan of the 77th, Stovall of the 74th, Waites of the 60th, Anderson of the 92nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 40 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tattoo studios, so as to require such studios to post notification that certain tattoos could disqualify the wearer from military service; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 722. By Representatives Peake of the 141st, Powell of the 32nd, Meadows of the 5th, England of the 116th, Gravley of the 67th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to provide for a patient registry program for the use of medical cannabis; to authorize rule making; to establish duties of patients, designated caregivers, physicians, and manufacturers of medical cannabis; to establish a medical cannabis tracking system; to provide for confidentiality of records; to establish patient protections; to impose penalties; to provide for nursing facilities; to establish fees; to establish a task force; to require impact assessment of medical cannabis therapeutic research; to require reports and audits; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 725. By Representatives Cantrell of the 22nd, Spencer of the 180th, Ballinger of the 23rd, Weldon of the 3rd, Evans of the 42nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child abuse and deprivation records, so as to provide for greater confidentiality of child abuse records; to provide for and revise definitions; to change provisions relating to persons and agencies permitted access to records of child abuse; to provide for contents of a protective order; to provide for immunity for child advocacy centers in releasing child abuse records under certain circumstances; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 727. By Representatives Battles of the 15th, Turner of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, LaRiccia of the 169th and Kaiser of the 59th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 10 of Title 25 of the O.C.G.A., relating to regulation of fireworks, so as to revise provisions relating to the sale, use, or explosion thereof; to amend Chapter 60 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding local government provisions applicable to counties and municipal corporations, so as to provide for certain further regulations by counties, municipal corporations, and consolidated governments; to amend Article 7 of Chapter 13 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to taxation of consumer fireworks,

so as to provide for local excise taxation of consumer fireworks and the collection of such excise tax; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 734. By Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Stephens of the 165th, Stephens of the 164th, Jones of the 167th, Corbett of the 174th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 36, 41, and 51 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to local government, nuisances, and torts, respectively, so as to provide for the facilitation of space flight activities in this state; to provide for definitions; to prohibit local government regulation of noise associated with space flight operations; to provide that space flight operations shall not constitute nuisances under certain conditions; to limit the liability of space flight entities related to injuries sustained by participants who have agreed in writing to such a limitation; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 779. By Representatives Tanner of the 9th, Lumsden of the 12th, Watson of the 172nd, Prince of the 127th and Broadrick of the 4th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems and images captured by such systems; to provide for definitions; to provide for exceptions; to provide for penalties and a civil right of action; to provide for venue; to amend Code Section 27-3-151 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to activity prohibited in the taking of wildlife, so as to regulate the use of unmanned aircraft systems in connection to hunting and fishing; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 825. By Representatives Smith of the 125th, Holcomb of the 81st, Carter of the 175th, Shaw of the 176th, Abrams of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to parent and child relationship general provisions, so as to provide that in the event of a report of child abuse by a military parent or guardian, the child welfare agency shall notify the Department of Defense Family Advocacy Program; to add filing a report of child abuse to military law enforcement to the reporting of child abuse to an appropriate police authority; to extend immunity provisions to reporting child abuse to military law enforcement; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 828. By Representatives Fludd of the 64th, Hawkins of the 27th, Mosby of the 83rd, Buckner of the 137th, Greene of the 151st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for employers who hire certain qualified parolees for full-time jobs; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 862. By Representatives Knight of the 130th, Powell of the 171st, Harrell of the 106th, Hitchens of the 161st and Houston of the 170th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-5-48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the homestead exemption for disabled veterans, so as to clarify the definition of disabled veteran; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 868. By Representatives Rogers of the 10th, Dickey of the 140th, Nimmer of the 178th, Kirby of the 114th, Lott of the 122nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to commissions and other agencies, so as to eliminate the Georgia State Games Commission; to provide for reversion of property to the state; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 889. By Representative Kidd of the 145th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the operation of funeral establishments and crematories, so as to authorize certain advertisements related to crematories and cremation services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 895. By Representatives Mayo of the 84th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Evans of the 42nd and Casas of the 107th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to require finance directors of charter schools to participate in initial and annual training in financially operating a charter school; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 922. By Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Knight of the 130th, Kelley of the 16th, Harrell of the 106th, Coomer of the 14th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-7-40.17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to a tax credit for creating quality jobs, so as to add a definition of taxpayer; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 924. By Representatives Epps of the 144th, Stephens of the 164th, Peake of the 141st, Dickey of the 140th, Randall of the 142nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to provide for a limited period of time an exemption from state sales and use tax only with respect to certain sales to a qualified job training organization; to provide for procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide an effective date and sunset date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 934. By Representatives Kirby of the 114th, Benton of the 31st, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Dickerson of the 113th, Stephenson of the 90th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions applicable to social services, so as to authorize the Department of Human Services to provide a separate link or portal on its website providing kinship caregivers with information and access necessary to apply for public assistance benefits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 935. By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Powell of the 171st, Stephens of the 164th, Knight of the 130th, Duncan of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 1 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from ad valorem tax, so as to add certain fulfillment centers to properties eligible for a freeport exemption; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 936. By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Powell of the 171st, Stephens of the 164th, Knight of the 130th, Duncan of the 26th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from income taxes, so as to clarify certain terms in respect to the wages necessary to qualify for a jobs tax credit; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 937. By Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Powell of the 171st, Stephens of the 164th, Knight of the 130th, Williamson of the 115th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from state sales and use tax, so as to change the sunset provision for the exemption for projects of regional significance; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 943. By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Pak of the 108th and Wilkinson of the 52nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 8 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to illegal and void contracts generally, so as to provide for additional limitations on indemnification and duty to defend clauses which are void and unenforceable in contracts for engineering or architectural services; to provide for exceptions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 957. By Representatives Abrams of the 89th, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, Bentley of the 139th and Sharper of the 177th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 9 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cost and compensation regarding the probate courts, so as to require that the judges and clerks of the probate courts publicly post notice of the availability of the affidavit of indigence; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 960. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th, Sims of the 123rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Harrell of the 106th, Houston of the 170th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to state administration and collection of revenue, so as to provide for confidentiality of certain tax information; to provide for an interest rate on delinquent payments that adjusts to reflect changes in the prime rate; to adjust the penalties for nonpayment of ad valorem taxes to offset the reduction in interest rate; to make distribution of penalties equitable between taxing jurisdictions; to provide for additional procedures, conditions, and limitations; to provide for notice to political subdivisions upon the filing of certain tax refund requests; to provide for confidentiality of taxpayer information; to provide for automatic transfer to the Georgia Tax Tribunal in certain cases; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 976. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Willard of the 51st, Powell of the 32nd, Caldwell of the 131st, Tanner of the 9th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state records management, so as to provide for minimum retention periods for video recordings from law enforcement surveillance devices, law enforcement body-worn devices, or devices located on or inside of a law enforcement vehicle; to provide for a definition; to provide for exceptions; to provide for presumptions, civil liability, and fees; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 982. By Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, Stephens of the 165th and Gordon of the 163rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 5 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions concerning ad valorem taxation of property, so as to change certain definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 990. By Representative Powell of the 171st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 5C of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles, so as to change certain definitions regarding such taxation; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1004. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Weldon of the 3rd, Powell of the 32nd, Maxwell of the 17th and Ballinger of the 23rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Titles 15 and 44 of the O.C.G.A., relating to courts and property, respectively, so as to provide requirements for maps, plats, and plans to be filed for record; to provide for filing of electronic images of maps, plats, and plans; to provide for delivery of plats to the clerk of superior court; to change certain provisions relating to recordation and notations of plats; to provide an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1014. By Representatives Powell of the 171st and Williamson of the 115th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, computation, and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to extend the sunset date of the existing exemption for donation of real property for conservation use; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1025. By Representatives Taylor of the 79th, Willard of the 51st, Drenner of the 85th, Henson of the 86th, Kendrick of the 93rd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 4 of Chapter 10 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to violation of ordinances of counties and state authorities, so as to change provisions relating to service of accusations of or citations for violations of ordinances under certain circumstances; to provide for judgments when service is perfected under such circumstances; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1028. By Representatives Werkheiser of the 157th, Nimmer of the 178th, Burns of the 159th, Abrams of the 89th, Caldwell of the 20th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to waste management, so as to require the Environmental Protection Division of the Department of Natural Resources to provide notice to affected localities upon the occurrence of certain events relating to permitted solid or hazardous waste facilities; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1036. By Representatives Hitchens of the 161st, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Williams of the 168th, Abrams of the 89th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 3 of Title 22 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the exercise of power of eminent domain for special purposes, so as to change certain provisions relating to the exercise of power of eminent domain for construction of petroleum pipelines and the environmental permitting requirements for petroleum pipelines; to enact a temporary moratorium on the use of eminent domain for construction of petroleum pipelines and the permitting for construction of such pipelines so that a commission of elected officials and field experts can conduct a detailed study; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.



HB 1037. By Representatives Clark of the 101st, Cooper of the 43rd, Taylor of the 173rd, Efstration of the 104th, Broadrick of the 4th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Community Health, so as to expand the certified nurse aide registry to nurse aides who provide services in private residences; to provide for inquiries and complaints; to provide that the registry be easily located on the department's website; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1043. By Representatives Kelley of the 16th and Cooper of the 43rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 43-34-26.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to vaccine protocol agreements, so as to exempt activities conducted by a hospital or health system with respect to influenza vaccinations from certain requirements; to provide for conditions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1053. By Representative Taylor of the 173rd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend an Act creating a new board of education of Grady County, approved March 5, 1968 (Ga. L. 1968, p. 2120), as amended, so as to provide that members of the board of education shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis; to provide for continuation in office of current members of the board; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1058. By Representatives Price of the 48th, Hawkins of the 27th, Cooper of the 43rd, Dempsey of the 13th, Clark of the 101st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapters 17 and 22 of Title 31 and Code Section 24-12-21 of the O.C.G.A., relating to control of venereal disease, clinical laboratories, and the disclosure of AIDS confidential information, respectively, so as to revise various statutes relating to HIV and AIDS; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1060. By Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Meadows of the 5th, Powell of the 32nd, Ballinger of the 23rd, Hightower of the 68th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the O.C.G.A., relating to carrying and possession of firearms; to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disposition of property seized; to amend Code Section 35-3-34 of the O.C.G.A., relating to disclosure and dissemination of criminal records to private persons and businesses, resulting responsibility and liability of issuing center, and provision of certain information to the FBI in conjunction with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 51 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding torts; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1066. By Representatives Powell of the 32nd, Taylor of the 173rd, Jasperse of the 11th and Blackmon of the 146th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 42-2-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to additional duties of the commissioner of corrections, so as to authorize the chief of staff to the commissioner to issue warrants for the arrest of an offender who has escaped from the custody of the department; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HB 1070. By Representatives Dempsey of the 13th, Houston of the 170th, Willard of the 51st, Thomas of the 39th, Oliver of the 82nd and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to adoption, so as to permit the department to use certain information in the department's records concerning the adopted child's biological parents; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

HR 1052. By Representative Cheokas of the 138th:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Mr. Thomas William Poole and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other purposes.